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College of Southern Nevada College Ambassador GEAR UP Abstract 2012-2013

The CSN GEAR UP Ambassador Program's commitment to enhancing Southern Nevada's college-going culture will help increase the number of low-income students from Clark County prepared for and admitted to post-secondary institutions. By building a network of support comprised of staff, parents, community members, and other NSHE institutions, CSN's Ambassador Program plans to empower seventh grade students attending Harney, Mack and Woodbury Middle School via the following activities:

- **Introductory Activities** to foster collaboration with teachers and counselors for the effective dissemination of program goals and their impact on student expectations and achievement.
- Career Exploration Activities to help students chart a career path with the support of parents through better understanding of career fields, education, training requirements, job market demands and pay.
- College Exposure, Planning and Orientation Activities to increase educational expectations among students and build essential college-admission and readiness skills.
- **High School Planning Activities** to inform students about college preparation courses and the socio-economic advantages from high school and college graduation.
- **Financial Literacy Activities** to educate participants and their parents about budgeting, saving money, and understanding the college financial aid process.
- **Fostering Parental Involvement** to assist parents in developing higher expectations for their children and gain information about post-secondary options and preparation.
- Academic Enrichment Activities to encourage students to set high academic goals and meet increased academic performance standards as pre-requisites to a fulfilling life.
- Summer Programs & After-School Activities for students to learn about diverse post-secondary options, become acquainted with campus life, and promote secondary and postsecondary completion.